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In re Application of:

Masashige TAMURA

Application No.: 10/693,981

Filed: October 28, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
INCLUDING GRAVITY-OPERATED  
OPENING AND CLOSING MEMBER  
FOR DISCHARGING EXCESS DEVELOPER  
(AS AMENDED)

Docket No. 03500.017673

Confirmation No.: 3977

Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz

Group Art Unit: 2852

Date: June 14, 2006

### Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment** in the above-identified application.

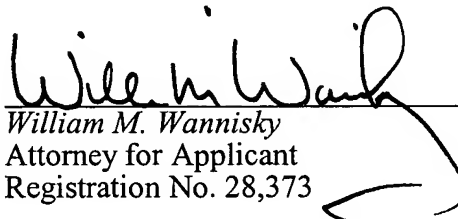
☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$25 \$50	\$0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						\$0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$0.00

- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 14, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application, as follows.